

Moran to Taiwan: U.S. Beef is Safe

Requests Taiwan Allow Imports of U.S. Beef Products

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jerry Moran today expressed his disappointment with a decision by Taiwan’s parliament to block imports of U.S. beef products in a letter sent to parliament President Wang Jin-pyng. Taiwan’s decision reverses a recent agreement to fully open the Taiwan market to U.S. beef.

“U.S. beef is the safest, highest quality beef in the world,” Moran said. “This decision is purely political and not based on sound science. Taiwan must live up to its international trade obligations.”

Taiwan’s parliament recently decided to block U.S. imports of ground beef and beef offal. In addition, the parliament approved a non-binding resolution that calls for U.S. beef imports to be restricted to products that come from cattle 30 months of age and younger.

Moran requested that the Taiwanese government not act on the non-binding resolution and

abide by its trade agreements with the U.S. In his letter, Moran stressed that failure to repeal the decision to block imports of U.S. ground beef and beef offal risks jeopardizing future trade agreements between the U.S. and Taiwan.

The beef industry in Kansas accounts for more than \$6 billion in annual revenue. Total U.S. beef exports to Taiwan were valued at \$128 million in 2008.

Moran is a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee.

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